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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT

: Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 2 May

Item 1 Minutes of 25 April Meeting
Drafts have been circulated by the Exec Sec for USIB approval;
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The Special Annex to these minutes on the CCPC Study on Question 9 has been informally coordinated in preliminary draft

Attention is invited to the two footnotes by the Director, NSA, with respect to the actions taken by consensus of the Board as recorded in the last paragraph on pages 8 and 9.

Item 2 Watch Report

Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for Board approval;

Sponsor -

Item 3 Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67, "Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces"

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

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This memorandum responds to the need to update NIE 11-14-67 regarding the actual equipment holdings of Soviet line divisions in light of the continuing re-examination of this subject by the CIA-DIA Joint Study Group. The BNE briefing note explains that the memorandum says as much as can be said to date, but takes great care to make it clear that the returns are incomplete and that BNE will not be ready to address the whole subject of Soviet ground forces capabilities before the eventual production of NIE 11-14-68. This draft is fully agreed at the USIB Representatives' level, except for Army which reserves on the entire discussion. BNE advises that the Army has no alternative interpretation to present, but that it wishes to stress that the subject is uncertain and incomplete and might lead to different findings. The rest of the Representatives believe that the language the Army proposed for this draft would have destroyed the usefulness of the memorandum. The full text of the Army footnote by General Franklin has now been received and is in your draft opposite page 2.

NOTE: Pursuant to your instructions, the other USIB Principals are being informed that the question of release to any foreign government of this Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67 is not scheduled for discussion at this meeting but will be considered as a separate matter at a later meeting.

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Item Executive Session	
All USIB Principals have been advised of your plan to have an Executive Session at the end of this meeting.	
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Executive Secretary, USIB	J

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